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Communists Invade US Embassy

Leighton Stuart
Recalled

Nanking, Apr. 25.—
Twelve Communist soldiers
invaded the United States
Embassy today and entered
the bedroom of Ambassador
J. Leighton Stuart.

The Communists entered the
building at 6.45 a.m. and, after
visiting the kitchen to question
a number of Chinese and
foreigners employed in the
house, asked the whereabouts
of the Ambassador. They pro-
ceeded upstairs to Dr. Stuart's
bedroom where he was lying
half awake. They pointed to
the things in Dr. Stuart's bed-
room and said, "These will
soon belong to the people."

The Communists also visited
the room of the Embassy Sec-
retary, Edward Anderson, in a
building of the large structure
within the residential com-
pound of Shanghai Road. They
asked the gatekeeper how many
foreigners and Chinese were
inside and left.

Dr. Stuart, who speaks fluent
Chinese, has one of the best
collections of Chinese art
treasures which he amassed
during his many years in this
country as educator and mis-
sionary. The walls of the Em-
bassy are hung with priceless
scrolls, some of them thousands
of years old. Valuable Chinese
curios are displayed on tables
and wall racks.

VIGOROUS PROTEST

Washington, Apr. 25.—The
State Department today in-
structed its Military Attaché in
Nanking to lodge a "vigorous
protest" with the Chinese Com-
munist authorities against the
violation of the American Em-
bassy residence earlier today.

The State Department con-
firmed press reports that the
Ambassador's home had been
violated and gave details of the
Chinese Communist action as
they were received in telegrams
from the American Embassy in
Nanking.

The State Department said
today that Dr. J. Leighton
Stuart, American Ambassador
to China, has been ordered home
for consultation.

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The Battle For Soochow Begins

LAKE CITY BECOMES AN ARMED CAMP

Bandits Join The Reds

Shanghai, Apr. 26.—The battle of Soochow has begun and pre-
liminary skirmishes occurred seven miles northwest between the
redeployed Nationalists and the Communist columns driving down
from Chinkiang.

At 9 a.m. a telephone report from Mr. Chen, the editor of the
daily, Soo Pao, to the United Press said that artillery and machine-
gun fire was heard throughout the night and died down at 8 a.m., but
was still sporadic at 9 a.m.

The Lake City, which two days ago was undefended and open to the
Communists, is now an armed camp of the Nationalist Army under General
Ku Hsi-chu.

Gates were closed and troops were stationed on their positions for
an assault. The initial clash occurred at Hsuehwei which with Shinan
are twin towns seven miles northwest of Soochow on the rail line.

The strength of the Commu-
nists attacking was not known
but it was learned that they
had been reinforced by Soochow
Lake bandits of several thou-
sand strong under the bandit
general, Hsi Yun-hwei, who for
months has been operating
guerrillas around Soochow.

CONFINED TO CITY

A huge fire in the direction
of Shinan broke out at mid-
night and burned during most
of the night but residents in
Soochow were not allowed to
go out of the city.

The editor said, "The city is
besieged, there is no escape
now. Three days ago we
thought there would be no
battle in Soochow, but it has
begun."

Although actual information
was fragmentary, mostly specu-
lative, it appeared that the
Chinese Communists were con-
solidating their forces in order
to form a solid front-line ex-
tending from Hsuehwei on the
Yangtze, a short distance from

Kiangyin, southward to the
railroad just above Soochow.
If the entire distance of 30
miles was consolidated they
would be in a position to strike
east or push directly for
Woosung.

The capture of Woosung
would close the water route
from Shanghai and put the
Communists in complete control
of the Yangtze.—United Press.

SETTING A TRAP

Shanghai, Apr. 26.—Chinese
Communists slashed through
the main 10 miles Northwest of
Shanghai last night but secrecy
covered their major manoeuvre
aimed at trapping 300,000 go-
vernment troops against the
sea south of this city.

The U.S. Consulate warned
American citizens that the
U.S. Navy planned to move
from its Shanghai anchorage
to avoid involvement in the
civil war, and that if they
wanted to go on board they
must do so quickly. There was
no large response from the
nearly 2,500 Americans in
Shanghai.

The Shanghai garrison com-
mand ordered that only its
official releases be published.
The garrison's 9 p.m. an-
nouncement, first of a promised
three day through the official
Central News Agency, acknow-
ledged that the Red troops had
infiltrated to Nanking, 40
miles Northwest of Shanghai.

It denied widespread reports
that the Reds captured Kashing,
53 miles by air and 62 by rail
Southeast of Shanghai.

THE KEY POINT

Kashing, normally famous
only for its production of the
ancient eggs beloved by Chinese
enclaves, is the key of the trap
operation. It is on the Grand
Canal and is the junction of the
Shanghai-Nanking
railway.

and of a line that runs North to
intersect the Shanghai-Nanking
railway at Soochow (Wuhsien).
If the Communists are at
Kashing, they reached it down
the Soochow railway.

The Shanghai Command de-
clared that trains through
Kashing to and from Hang-
chow were still operating.

Hangchow, 124 miles by rail
Southwest of Shanghai, is the
support and rail base upon
which the Nationalist troops
have been expected to fall
back for a new defence or re-
treat farther South.

One train did arrive from the
South after Kashing was ro-
porated to have fallen, but it
could have left before such a
development. Passengers said
Hangchow was full of Com-
munist troops, so it could be
that a considerable government
withdrawal to the point al-
ready has succeeded.

Trains for Hangchow were
leaving as rapidly as they could
be made up with no attempt to
maintain normal schedules.

The Garrison Command stated
that Nanking, Kashing and
Soochow all were in Nationalist
hands and that strong re-
inforcements had gone to So-
ochow, 50 miles West of Nanking.
It acknowledged that the tracks
leading on Westward to Com-
munist occupied Nanking had
been torn up.

It said only 20,000 Commu-
nists had crossed to the South
bank of the Yangtze from
Kiangsu province (the province
opposite the Nanking-Shanghai
area) and that others on the
North bank were under "sur-
veillance" of the Nationalist air
force.

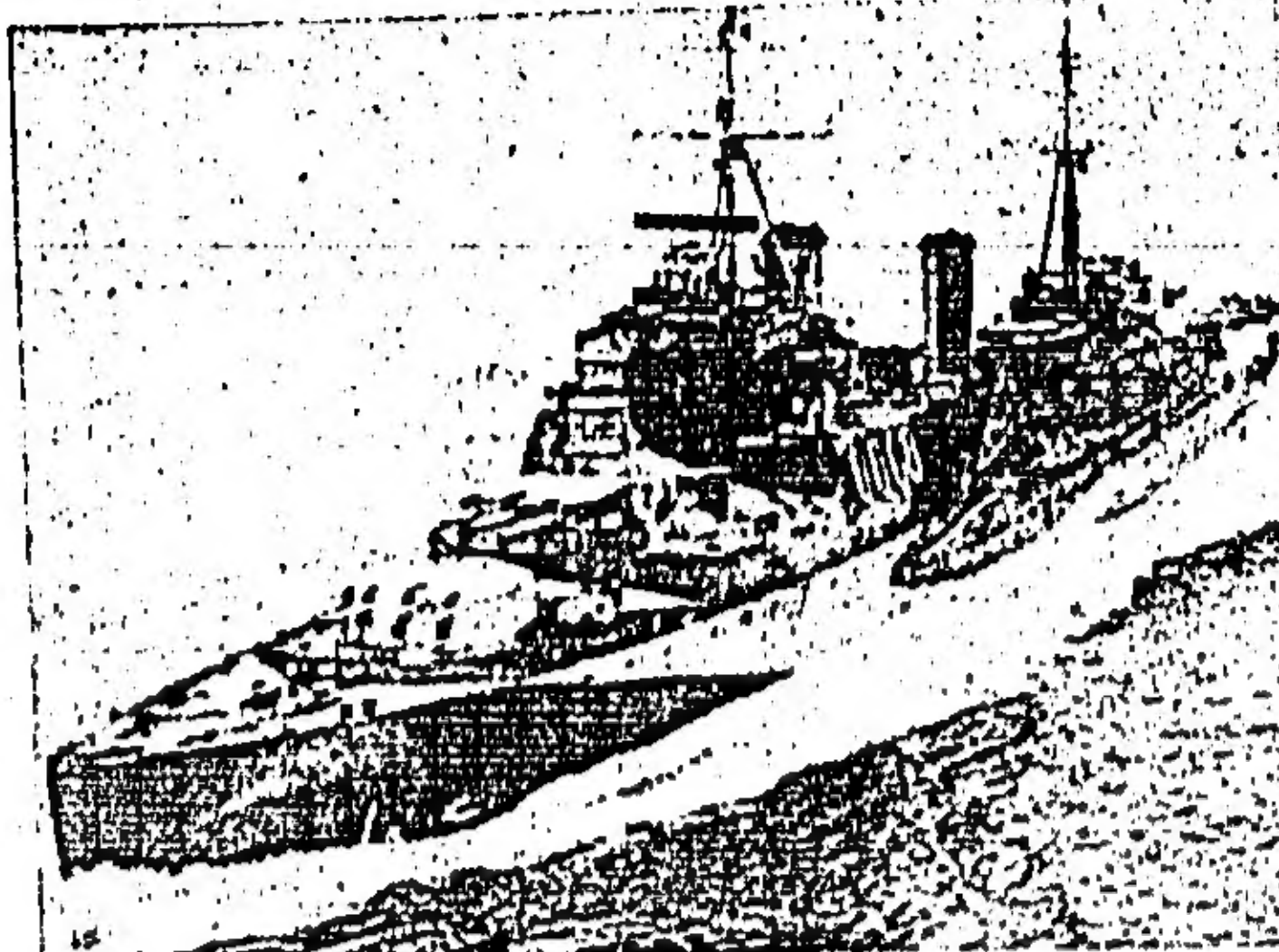
(The Communists have said
they have more than 1,000,000
men on the South bank, 350,000
of them from Nanking Eastward
towards Shanghai.)

COMMUNIST CLAIMS

The Communist radio an-
nouncements from Peking on
Monday night, however, said
only that Red troops were now
80 miles West of Shanghai and
that they were driving south
and southwest in pursuit of Re-
publican government forces. Their
intentions were not mentioned.
One Red broadcast said all cities
on the south bank from Anking
to Wusih—a stretch of 230 miles
—were in Red hands.

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Joining China Fleet



THE BRITISH CRUISER, HMS JAMAICA

Aircraft-Carriers, Cruiser And Subs Joining Far East Fleet

An Associated Press despatch from
London says that two big aircraft-carriers
(their identity not disclosed), and an undeter-
mined number of submarines are to reinforce
the British Far East fleet.

The message adds that an Admiralty
spokesman, when questioned about these re-
inforcements, declined to say from where they
would come or when they would arrive in China
waters.

An official Admiralty announcement, quoted by
Reuters, states that the 8,000-ton cruiser, Jamaica,
has been ordered to the Far East from Bermuda.

The Admiralty statement said: "The 8,000-
ton Fiji Class cruiser, with nine six-inch guns,
H.M.S. Jamaica (Captain F. A. Bullance, D.S.O.,
R.N.) has been ordered to proceed to the Far East
from Bermuda. She will steam there at her best
speed consistent with endurance.

"The exact time of sailing is not yet known."

India And The Commonwealth Dilemma May Be Resolved By Joint Declaration

London, Apr. 25.—Dominion leaders meeting in secret today
reached agreement in principle to consider a joint declaration pro-
viding a basis of free association in the Commonwealth which would
allow India as a republic to remain a member, usually reliable quarters
stated tonight.

The Dominion Prime Ministers, back from a week-end recess in
the country, met again in plenary session this afternoon to seek a
means of keeping the future republican India in the Commonwealth.

Knowledgeable quarters were completely silent about the meeting, but
earlier it was indicated in Commonwealth circles that the leaders might con-
sider a solution by means of a joint declaration stating the basis of associa-
tion between the member countries.

In the declaration India,
along with the others, would
continue to accept the special
status of the King as the sym-
bol of free association in the
Commonwealth, but unlike the
other nations India would owe
no allegiance to the Crown.

The plan is one of a number
of ideas on which the leaders
may base early decisions on
the constitutional problem
which has brought them to
the Commonwealth.

The main problem of the
conference is still to produce a
solution that retains in the
Commonwealth a republican
country which cannot recognise
the sovereignty of the King. It
was expected that if the plan
indicated the way to this solu-
tion, steps would be taken to
produce an appropriate form of
words for the Dominion leaders' consideration.

THREE MAIN POINTS

General reaction to the pro-
posal is as yet unknown. But
it was believed that whatever
the line of the conference's de-
velopment, the most important
decisions are likely before Wed-
nesday, when the final meeting
is due to be held.

Informed quarters understood
that there are three main points
in India's approach to the ques-
tion of her continuation in the
Commonwealth.

(1) Commonwealth co-opera-
tion must not in any way com-
promise her complete republi-
can independence.

(2) That there can be no
question of Commonwealth as-
sociation involving her in a
military alliance.

(3) In keeping with Com-
monwealth traditions, problems
of international policy will be

taken upon their merits as they
arise. India has always indicated
that she wishes to be free of ad-
vance commitments.

This afternoon's plenary
session at No. 10 Downing Street
opened at 1.30 p.m. GMT and
lasted for two hours. Im-
mediately after the statements
left it was learned that they had
arranged for a further round-
table discussion at 8 p.m.

Though the closest secrecy is
still preserved on the progress
of the conference, it is under-
stood that following informal
week-end exchanges among the
leaders several delegations had
prepared rough drafts of their
ideas of a solution in prepara-
tion for today's meetings.

PRIVATE TALKS

The Prime Minister, Mr.
Clement Attlee, this morning
had separate private talks with
the Prime Minister of Pakis-
tan, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, and
the Prime Minister of Ceylon,
Mr. D. S. Senanayake.

The Prime Minister of South
Africa, Mr. Daniel Malan, and
the Prime Minister of New
Zealand, Mr. Peter Fraser,
were Mr. Attlee's week-end
guests at Chequers, his official
country residence in Bucking-
hamshire.

Mr. Pandit Nehru, the Prime
Minister of India, rejoined the
conference today after a week-
end as the guest of Earl
Mountbatten at his country
residence, Broadlands, in Hamp-
shire.

He spent the earlier part of
today in conference with the
Indian High Commissioner, Mr.
Krishna Menon, at India House,
London.

Between today's two meetings
the visiting statesmen were
guests of honour at a reception
held by Mr. Attlee at Downing

GOVERNMENT SUED FOR DAMAGES

Cowie Further Cross-Examined This Morning

ASSISTANT'S EVIDENCE

The action for damages for alleged
wrongful dismissal from his employment,
brought by William Henry Cowie, former Sub-
Inspector of Police, against the Attorney-
General of Hongkong, was continued before
the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, and a
Special Jury at the Supreme Court this
morning.

Evidence of the system employed in
carrying out tests of motor vehicles, and of the
happenings on the morning of June 5, 1947,
when Cowie was arrested and later charged
with receiving a bribe of \$50 from a lorry
driver, was given by Mak Yuen, a motor
mechanic employed by the Police Traffic De-
partment, Kowloon, who was acting as Cowie's
assistant.

Plaintiff alleged that he had
suffered damages totalling \$7-
516.13 by virtue of the wrong-
ful dismissal without notice and
in breach of contract. He was
dismissed from his post of
Traffic Inspector in Kowloon
on August 25, 1947, by H. E. the
Governor on the recommenda-
tion of a Departmental Board
of Enquiry into Cowie's alleged
receipt of a bribe of \$50 from
one Chan Yu-long. He also
claimed general damages.

The Special Jury empanelled
comprised Messrs F. J. Hornum-
Fisher (foreman), Chan Sim-
ming, Kenneth Chan, J. Mother-
sill, T. J. Pratt, R. E. Desai and
S. S. Jorgensen.

Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, in-
structed by Mr. Y. H. Chan

(Ts'o and Hodgson) appeared
for plaintiff, and the Attorney-
General was represented by Mr.
Lonsdale (Crown Counsel),
instructed by Mr. L. R. Andrews
(Crown Solicitor).

Cowie, who had entered the
witness box yesterday when he
gave his evidence-in-chief,
followed by cross-examination
by Crown Counsel this morning.

DENIES SUGGESTION

Cowie denied a suggestion by
Mr. Lonsdale that he had accept-
ed \$50 on June 5, 1947, and had
put the money in his trouser-
pocket. He also asserted he did
not carry a cigarette case, and
a handkerchief in a pocket
of his overalls that morning.

Mr. Lonsdale then told Cowie
he wished to give him an
opportunity to state his reason
why he felt that Supt. Shaftain
should have been actuated
by any malice towards him.

The Chief Justice pointed out
to Crown Counsel that he had
already heard that Mr. Shaftain's
attitude towards Cowie had no
bearing in the case at the pre-
sent moment.

Mr. Lonsdale (to Cowie): Then
I will give you an opportunity
to state what reasons you have
for believing that Inspector
Johnston was actuated by any
malice towards you.

Cowie: Johnston was acting
under the instructions of Supt.
Shaftain. That is the only reason
I can give.

And in regard to Inspector
Morrison, had you any reason
to believe he was actuated by
any malice towards you? Up
to the present Inspector Morri-
son has taken no active part in
the case. I cannot say I am
aware of any reason why he
should bear malice towards
me.

Cowie was then questioned
about his statements regarding
rain which fell on the morning
of June 5 after he had completed
his inspection of vehicles. He
said he could not remember if
he had mentioned the Alhambra
Theatre, but agreed he might
have said he was between the
Kowloon Magistracy and the
Alhambra when it started to
rain.

Mr. Bernacchi, re-examining
Cowie, asked Cowie how he usually
stood as a vehicle Inspector.
Cowie replied that he usually
started by examining the
springs.

Mr. Bernacchi: In doing that,
what sort of a position would
your body be in? The witness,
my Lord, has been cross-ex-
amined on the pockets he was
wearing at the time.

Cowie: I had to bend to look
or crawl underneath the
vehicles.

Copies of the contract under
which Cowie was employed
were handed to the Court and
Jury before the next witness
was called.

Mak Yuen, of 338 Shanghai
Street, third floor, said he was
a motor mechanic attached to
the Kowloon Traffic Office and
was working under Cowie in
conducting inspections of
public and commercial vehi-
cles. Describing the nature of
his work, Mak said he usually
left his office in company with
Cowie, about 9 a.m. and took
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EDITORIAL

A View On The Future

HONGKONG views the developments
along the Yangtze and in the
direction of South China anxiously, but
calmly. The Communist military suc-
cesses bring a full turn to the cycle of
internal strife which first assumed a
political complexion in 1927 with Chiang
Kai-shek's drive to Shanghai against the
Dorodin-influenced Reds. For 22 years
the Nationalists have been accepted by
foreign Powers as the *de jure* govern-
ment of China, but today that authority
is, apparently, about to be wrested from
them. As governors of the nation, the
Nationalists exist in name only; for on
their own showing they cannot physically
exist elsewhere than in Canton, or even
more ineffectually, in Taiwan. It is the
realities of the situation which make
Hongkong a little anxious. The Commu-
nists, as a political force, are un-
known. True, they have announced a
very generalised internal policy aimed at
correcting the defects of the KMT-
guided administration, but whether that
will prove to be a cure or merely a
palliative remains to be seen. Even more
obscure is the Communists' policy con-
cerning third powers. Their propaganda
service has given somewhat vociferous
lip service to Russia's anti-Western
attitude, at times going out of its way
to emphasise the ideological ties between
them and the Kremlin. Nevertheless
there is no evidence that the Chinese
Reds have attempted anything approach-
ing an all-out Communist economic, social
and financial policy on the Soviet
pattern, and the non-military conditions
contained in Mao Tse-tung's 21-point
peace offer to the Nationalists were
only mildly revolutionary compared with
what has been imposed on other countries
during the past quarter of a century.

On the question of successfully intro-
ducing and making effective its internal
policies, the Communists obviously must
depend upon the goodwill and willing co-
operation of the people. Coercion might
superficially bring about the desired
results, but in the long run this would
boomerang and China would still be
denied that peace and prosperity which
is so essential to the nation. It is, there-
fore, with the interests of the Chinese
masses at heart, that Hongkong is
anxious about the outcome of the current
situation. It remains calm because there
is no genuine reason for being otherwise.
It must await the end of the civil war
and the Communists' foreign policy
before it can truly assess relations with
its next-door neighbour. And whether
these become difficult and acrimonious
depends entirely on the Communists. It
can be said now that any underground
attempts to usurp the rightful powers of
the Colony's Government, or to inflict
deliberately-agitated problems on the
Colony, will be firmly resisted. Hongkong
cannot permit itself to become a breeding
ground for disaffection created by the
Communists and neither can it allow its
normal life, and the safety of its
inhabitants and their property to be
compromised. We expect the new Govern-
ment of China, whether it be wholly
Communist, or quasi-coalition, to devote
itself to the problems of China: that is
a gigantic enough task for any adminis-
tration. Hongkong can, and will help to
make a peaceful and prosperous China a
reality, but it will tolerate neither
agitators, saboteurs nor rebels, no matter
whom they purport to represent. If this
is clearly comprehended now, it may save
a lot of misunderstanding later.

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The Handmade Look



Ann Radowsky

By PRUNELLA WOOD

ONE of a series similarly handled, this navy blue sheer is accented with fagoting in the way of the old-time Paris dresses which travellers adored, and which have been missing lately. The effect is precious and hand-made, very elegant and subtle.

In this model, the entire dress, places navy grosgrain ribbon bows on a slanting line over the left chest; short sleeves are given the same treatment. The self-fabric belt is shaped in a curved line to the silhouette.

Ex-Policeman To Start Mink Farm

EX-Middlethorpe policeman George Anderson of Lasswade, Scotland, has arrived back by air from Canada accompanied by 50 rather distinguished immigrants whom the "pinks" have referred to as Mr. and Mrs. Mink and party.

They were the rather scarce mink so beloved by women for their fur. Mr. Anderson has brought them over to help restock his mink farm started when he began his hobby of mink breeding during his off-duty policing hours at Bonnyrigg.

Latest mink style

The animals sleep during the forenoon and wake in the afternoon for their one daily meal of fish heads. In their wild state abroad they feed on rabbits. It is a long process to tame one, for they are dangerously playful and rather vicious.

The latest style mink coat is longer and has a wider sweep, and 70 to 100 mink skins, depending on the size of the animal, are required for one garment. A great deal of intricate work is involved in the making of a mink coat and the mink is scarce, which explains the current price of £2,000 and £3,000 per garment. Most of the mink coats made in Britain are in the natural brown, but one or two coloured types have been sent from America.

ABANDONING THE OLD LACE OF YESTERDAY

By GEORGE TUCKER

NEW YORK. — Russell Wright, a tireless debunker formally in post-war living, is an evangelist among modern industrial designers.

When he isn't devising a new short cut to practical homemaking, he is crying a philosophy that abandons the stiffness and old lace of yesterday.

"The era of silver and delicate china is not for our servantless world," says Wright. "We are developing a more comfortable and happier way of living, an honest expression of our times. Those who see a social stigma to eating in the kitchen simply lack imagination."

In nearly 20 years of simplifying household furnishings, Wright has broken new ground in spun aluminium, blond maple furniture, and practical china ware. He has designed linotype and vending machines, and set trends in rugs, lamps, and kitchen gadgets.

His new china has rounded edges and can be stacked in less than half the shelf space of other types. It can be cooked in and brought steaming to the table.

Some of Wright's "firsts" were informal service accessories, in formal modern lamps, and the first aluminium utensil designed for cooking and serving. He also achieved a revolutionary line of china dinnerware which combined functional utility and beauty of line and glaze. Associated Press.

SPOT FASHION



To greet the spring and summer season here in spots, a new polka-dotted suit, by Louis Levy, with its double ticket pockets, tiny fly-away cuffs and long revers with double-button fastenings. (London Express Service).

If You Give Your Child A Pet—

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

A CHILD old enough to take sole care of a pet, who rarely or never does care for it, tends to lose more in moral growth than he gains from having this pet.

Suppose you are planning to get a puppy for your son of eight or ten. He has, of course, assured you in good faith that he will take complete care of this pet as long as it lives. How are you going to help this boy to fulfil his promise literally? You will help him learn from books and other sources just how to take the best care of the puppy and bring it up well. You will employ the best possible skill in keeping your son's interest in the dog and in responsibility for it.

If you are a devotee to the whistling philosophy that you can and should so motivate this boy by pleasant means that he will choose on his own free will and accord to care for this pet completely and faithfully for this year, the next year, and the year after that, you are just kidding yourself. Who else do you know that has not failed to find such a pot of gold at the rainbow's end? Why not face reality?

Interest Wanes Now you know very well that after a few days or weeks of this puppy, the puppy will be just a pet, when feeding, watering or air-ing the puppy interferes with something else the lad would rather do, he will incline to neglect the pet.

Be alert to the first clear instance of his neglect of the pet. When this comes announce distinctly to him a penalty for his neglect. It should be a penalty which will be a denial of a cherished privilege or a sentence to sit unmused in a chair for one hour. It should be something impressively unpleasant. Rule out exhorting, arguing, jangling. Keep checking very carefully to make sure no single neglect of this pet can happen without his bearing a penalty.

Responsibility In harder, long-drawn out cases in which you are still caring for the boy's pet and still jangling about it, the foregoing might not be very workable. Other courses open to you are: To dispose of the pet, or to go on caring for it. Be sure to omit the jangling. There may be a third way for exceptional parents: To win the child through reasoning (with-out any heat, in spite of prior fires) to choose sole responsibility for the pet.

Unbreakable Ware Wright's china has been adopted by hundreds of every state. He is now designing unbreakable ware for restaurants and other institutions. In one test, a man dropped a plate from a skyscraper window without breaking it.

Wright is 44. He is a slender man just over six feet. In his early days he wanted to be a painter and for a time he worked with Norman Bel Geddes in New York and in Paris, designing stage scenery. Soon he set up his own workshop, designing circus animals and furniture as theatrical props. These so intrigued one specialty shop owner that she asked for designs in metal.

Out of this grew custom-made furniture and metal designs as a full time career.

His "Firsts"

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Household Hints

Make a habit of clipping thread on the bias, as it is more easily inserted into the needle eye.

If you have some table linen that has grown yellow with age, and you cannot get it white, you can dye it a rich colour—pink, green, wine or deep blue. It will set off your china nicely.

A child's overall which is cut so that it can be let out in both body and legs is better than an overalls one that has to be grown into. Clothes that are large are uncomfortable and hampering as these too small. Adjustable straps with several buttonholes will allow for lengthening the body of the garment. Wide hems in the legs can be let out as the child grows. The hems are better after than the usual cuffs, which collect sand and dirt and won't stay up.

To preserve the top of a leather-topped coffee table, use leather conditioner, and nothing else.

Beauty Depends on Health



If you ignore the rules of good health, warns Movie Star Jeff Donnell, your complexion will look sallow, eyes will lose their sparkle.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WOMEN who are chasing beauty rainbows expect too much of cosmetics, as any beautician will tell you. They fancy they can buy a brand new complexion in a jar or a bottle.

Don't overlook the fact that your general health has something to do with the state of your complexion, its texture and colouring. If you rob yourself of the required hours of sleep you must expect pallor. The same rule holds good if you fail to get out of doors. A certain amount of exercise is necessary, not only for the well being of the sacred complexion, but for the figure and the stability of the nervous system.

What you eat is important. You need a certain amount of protein, carbohydrates and fat in proper proportions to form a balanced diet. If you are a finicky eater you will lack certain food elements.

You should drink plenty of water. For the normal person there is no time of the day or night when it is harmful to drink water. The first thing in the morning probably ranks first in value because the water washes out any residual from the preceding day and stimulates the flow of gastric juice in readiness to receive breakfast.

Considering that a large part of the human body consists of water it should not be difficult for even the dumbest to understand the need of it. Take at least four glasses of water a day for its health-and-cosmetic value.

Let's Eat BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Cornmeal Has Many Uses

"MADAME, I am in a puzzle," said the Chef. "Here on our kitchen table are three parcels of cornmeal: one parcel white and two parcels yellow. I think the yellow is more rich, non?"

"Non," I laughed, "there is very little difference; as a matter of fact white cornmeal contains more protein, and yellow cornmeal is a little higher in carotene, that's what gives the colour. Both contain the same level of minerals and vitamins."

"Please tell me something else, Madame. These parcels of cornmeal are marked 'enriched' or 'restored'. What is the difference in the meaning of these words?"

"Enriched" or "fortified" is a term used to describe any food that has been made more potent in nutritive value by the addition of vital food elements. But "restored" means that something formerly removed has been given back or is restored, such as the vitamins which are given back to converted white rice during the manufacturing process.

"I suppose people are becoming very conscious of the nutritive value of food," remarked the Chef. "Everywhere I see these words 'enriched' or 'restored'."

"That's true, but much more progress must be made, before we can say the nation eats a balanced ration."

"I like the idea of cornmeal mush for breakfast," remarked the Chef. "When I travelled through the State of Vermont I had some for breakfast. It was served with cream and scraped Vermont maple sugar. Very good!"

"Cornmeal mush is a popular cereal in many parts of the country," I added. "Sometimes it's chilled, then sliced, dipped in cream and sometimes it's made into Johnny cakes."

"Johnny cake? I have often made the cornmeal griddle cakes," but what are Johnny cakes?" the Chef asked. "They are a form of fried cornmeal mush that originated in the State of Rhode Island. The name is derived from 'Journey cakes' because in pioneer days they were made in advance, and packed to eat on a journey. Some persons think cornbread and Johnny cake are the same thing, but they are very different."

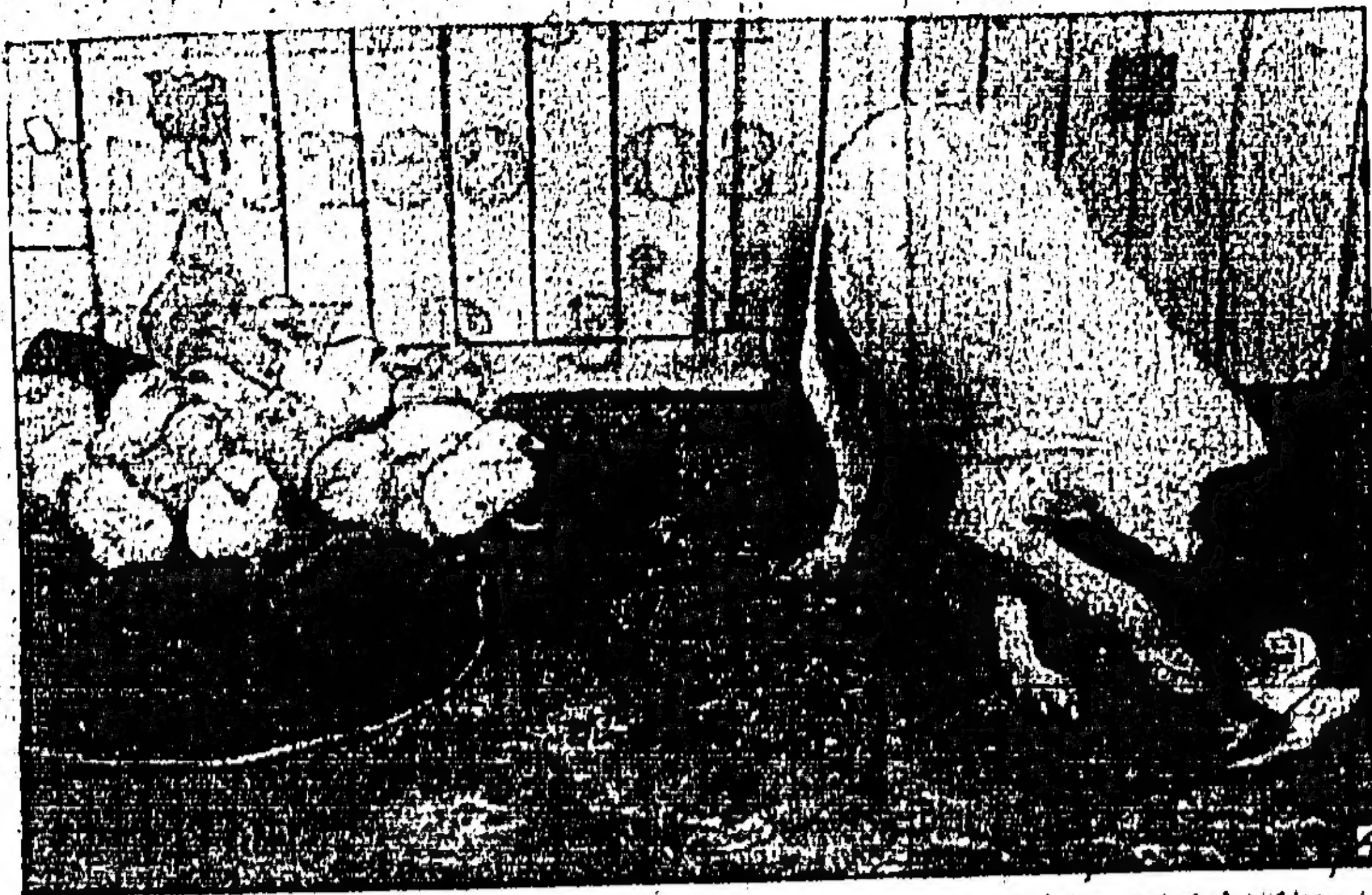
Cook Until Thick "Real Johnny cake is made by combining 2 cups cornmeal and 1 cup of boiling water, and cook and stir until very thick. Then it is by dropping tablespoons of the hot mush in a little hot frying pan. When browned on one side, turn to brown the other side. Serve with syrup."

"I've served with syrup in pioneer days, and I've always with fried bacon or ham. In that case the Johnny cakes were fried in ham or bacon fat."

"You have also the Southern spoon bread made with cornmeal. It is delicious," said the Chef. "And it is so substantial, it can be served as a main dish."

"And so can tamale pie; that's made with cornmeal mush and just a little meat. Tamale pie is famous throughout the Southwest. It's another example of the many real budget dishes based on corn, which are favourites throughout the country. America is literally the land of corn, leading the world in its production."

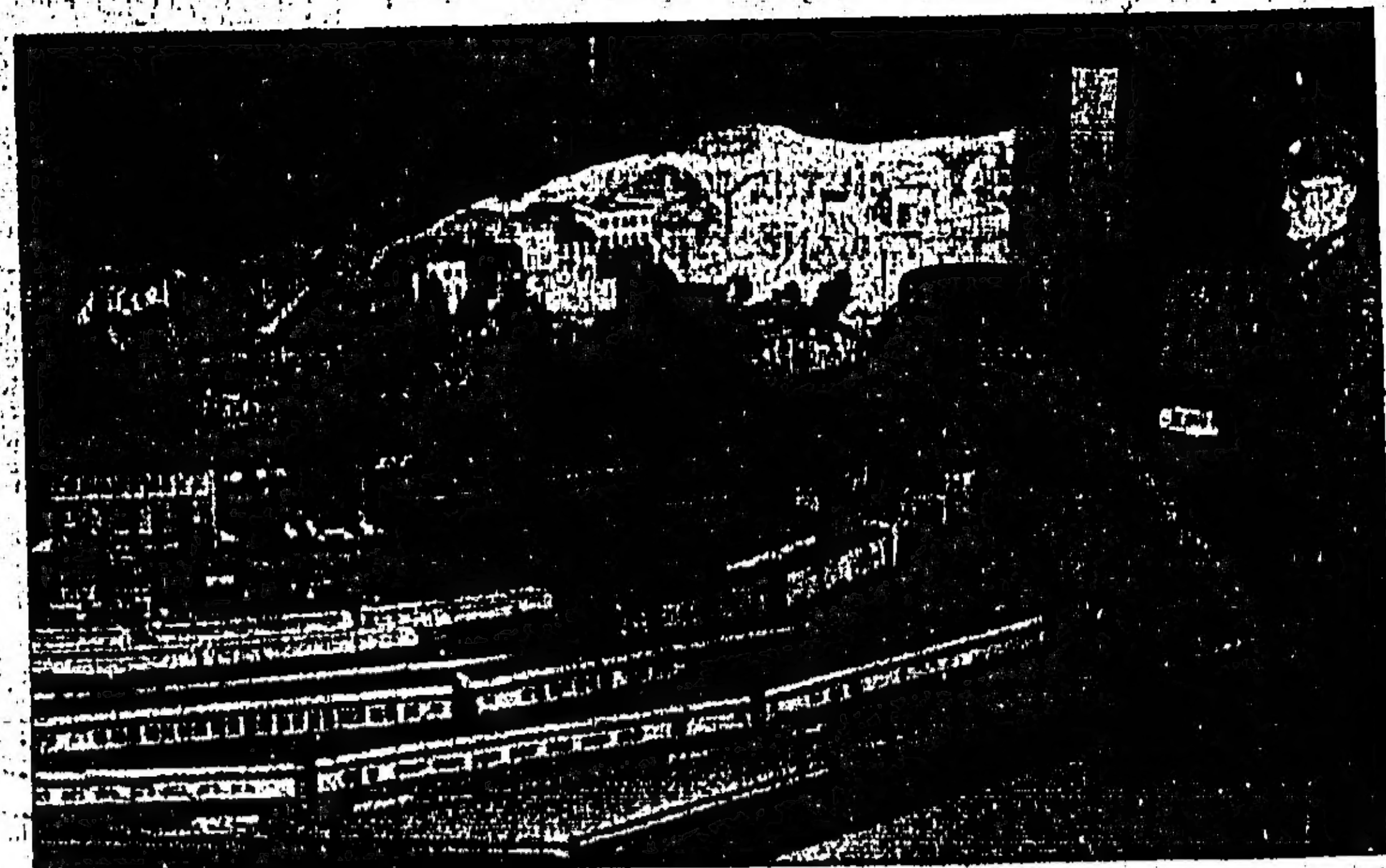
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



TERRIER BECOMES RETRIEVER—Shorty, a terrier in the home of John Casa near Windsor, Canada, brings back to the nest one of the brood of baby chicks she recently adopted. The terrier has yet to injure one of the fuzzy youngsters over which she is playing mother.



ICE SHOW IN MIAMI—Susah and Tommy LaVonne rehearse their skating act for next season's "Holiday on Ice" under the eye of George Tyson, director, at Miami, Florida.



OPERATOR MOVES HIS TRAINS—J. Wilbur Sakers, electrician, operates the model railway exhibit of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, an exact copy of the Company's standard equipment, on exhibition at the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia. It is insured for \$40,000.



ESCORT—Miss Genevieve Cuprys holds a 3-month-old leopard she accompanied by air from Singapore to New York.



ATE TOO WELL FOR COMFORT—Four wild deer squeezed between the slats of a fence guarding a haystack during the recent storms, ate their fill and then couldn't get back through the fence to freedom. Ranchers near Cokeville, Wyoming, released the frightened animals.



A WHITTAKER AND HER PRODUCT—Mrs. J. B. Stevens of Riverside, Illinois, who took up whittling when an accident confined her to bed for six months, carves a "forty-niner's" donkey at the World Hobby Exposition in Chicago. She has carved 5,000 pieces in eight years.



WINS FILM AWARD—Virginia Wave, of Cathedral Films, holds the award of the Association of Religious Film Distributors as the best religious actress of the year.



SAFE SAFECRACKER—Harry C. Miller has cracked more than 35,000 safes as a civilian employed by the United States Army at the Pentagon, Washington, to repair government safes.



NINETY-MINUTE HEAD—Sculptor Bartelley-Daillon carves a head in soft limestone in ninety minutes in an exhibition at the Injured War Veterans' Home in Paris.



TO SEARCH FOR NOAH'S ARK—Egerton Sykes and his wife study a map of Turkey in London. They will head an expedition to Mt. Ararat, hoping to find traces of Noah's Ark.



AIRWAYS TERMINAL—A ride on a luggage trolley for Gordon Pederson, 6, of Resource, Saskatchewan. He was in London after a four months' holiday in his father's country, Denmark.



EARLY CARS IN MINIATURE—Arthur Salmons shows the (left to right) 1902 Oldsmobile, 1911 Ford, 1904 Cadillac, 1918 Chevrolet and 1911 Ford 2-passenger models he built at Hynes, California.



MONKEY AND A STICK—Pooling the pennies they saved, youngsters treat their friend Tim, the orangutan, to a bag of candy on their weekly visit to the Brookfield Zoo, Chicago.

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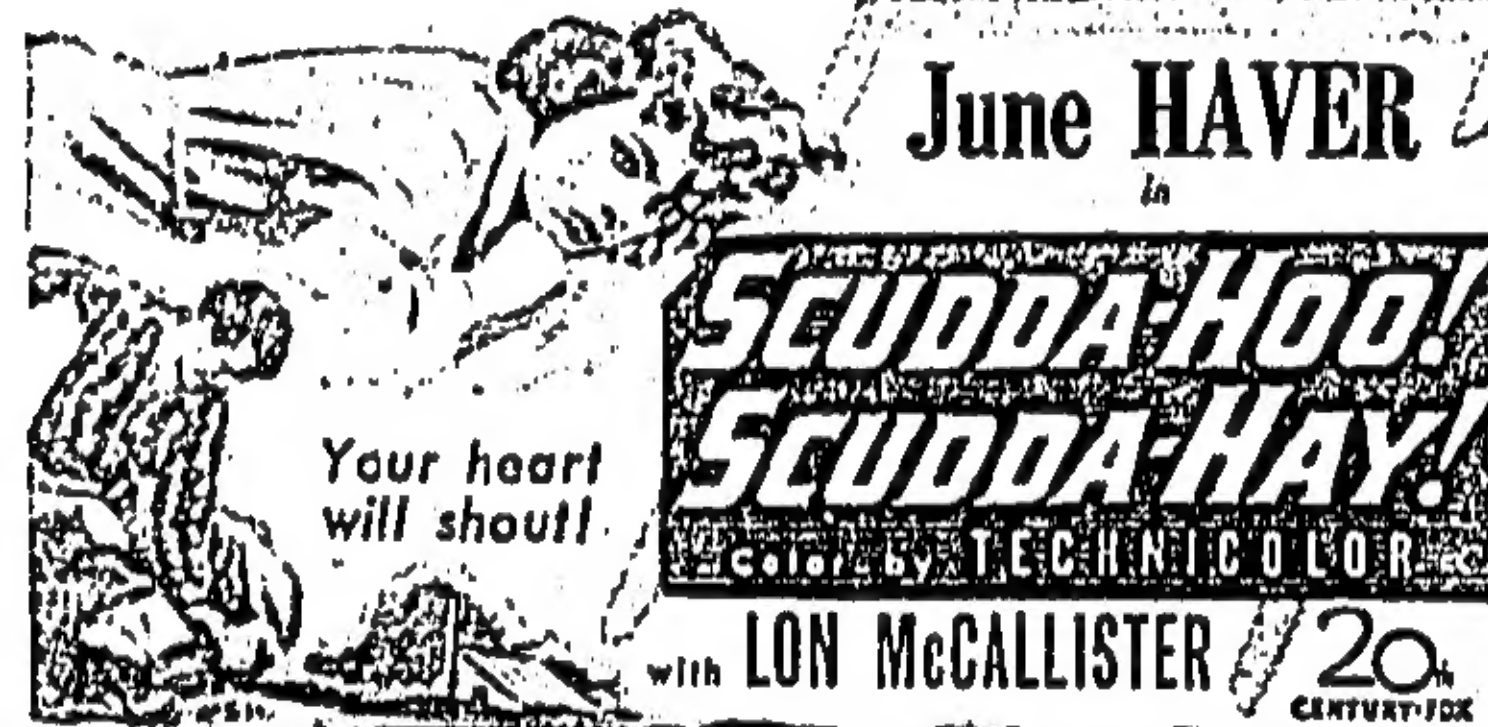
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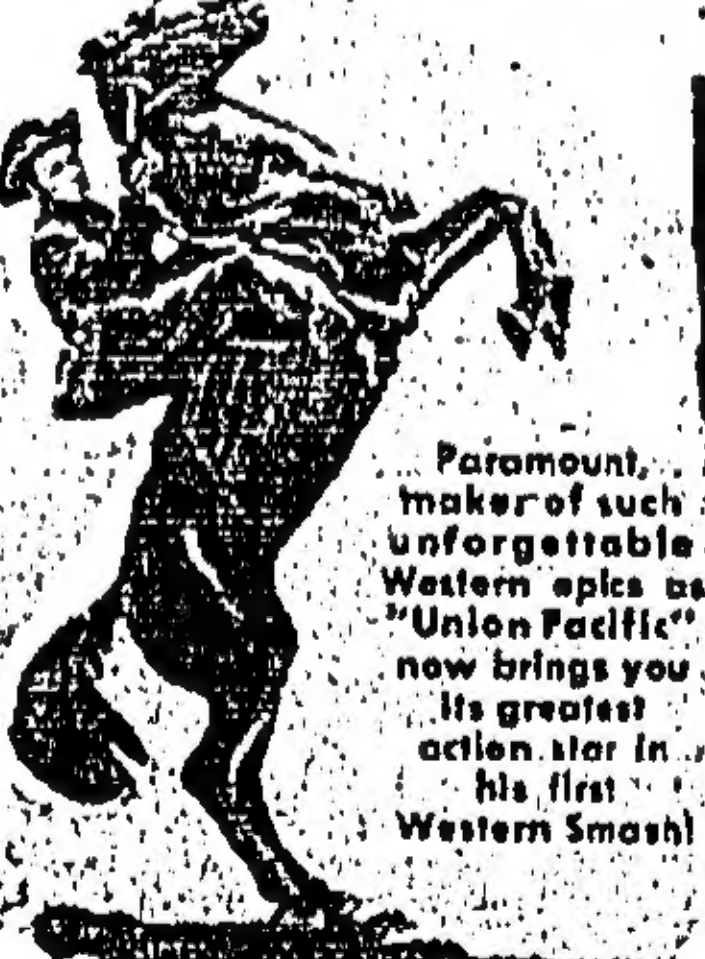


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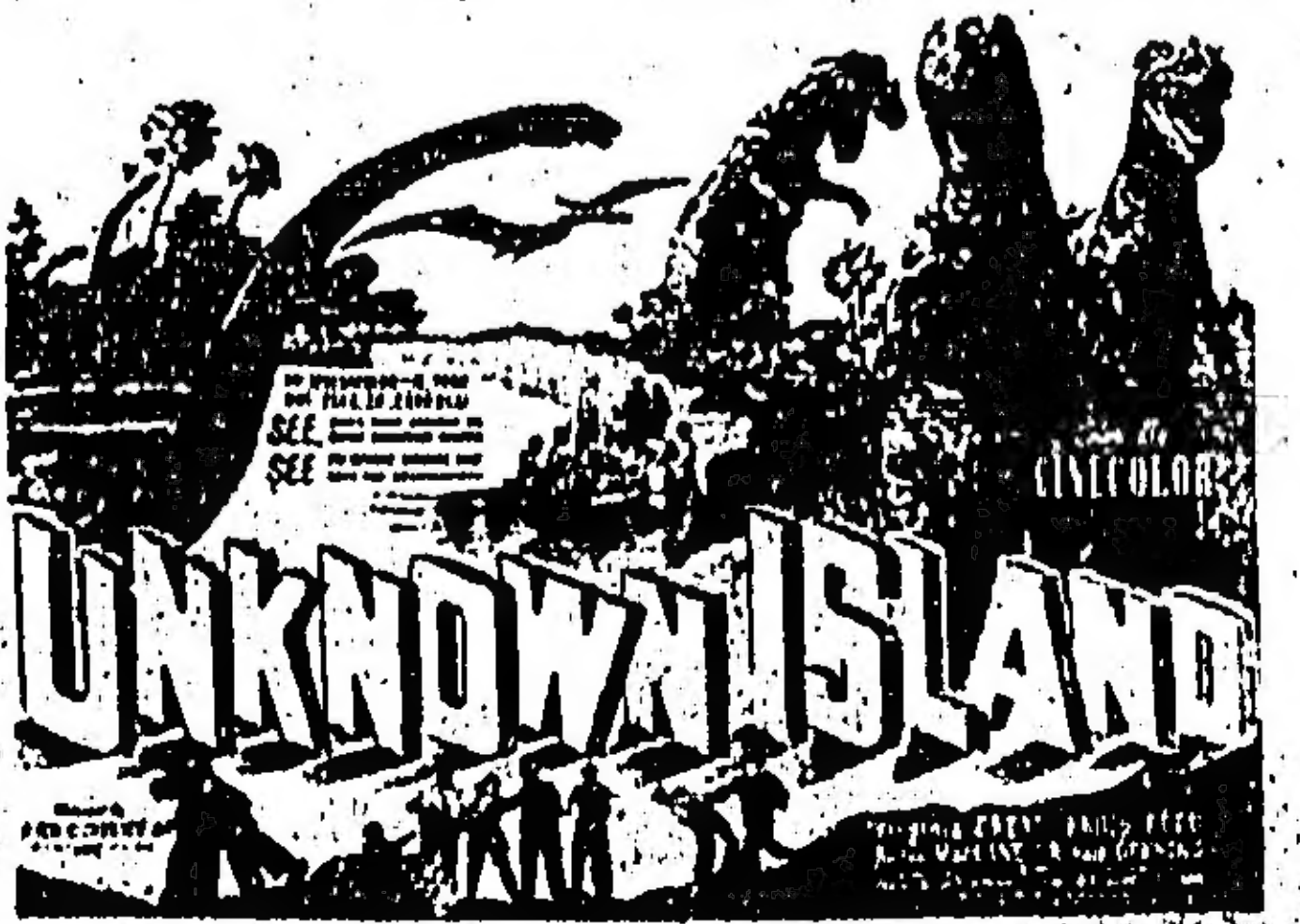
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London Express Service

BRITONS FLOCKING TO BUY HOUSES ON SUNSHINE ISLE

BY JAMES LEASOR

Montego Bay (Jamaica). THERE is a Jamaican here who rows visitors round the bay to see the coral reefs. His name is Captain Bill. He is a diplomat. At the bow of his tiny row-boat flies the Union Jack; at the stern, Old Glory. And this sums up the whole island, making the best of both worlds, the Old and the New.

This year more Britons than ever before have followed the sun to this sterling island. And many of them have fallen so deeply in love with her perfect fusion of the Old and the New that they have bought houses here.

High up in the hills live Sir William and Lady Stephenson. During the war Sir William was Director of British Security Co-ordination in the Western Hemisphere. Now he divides his time between London, New York and Montego Bay. Everyone knows when they are at home, for then a searchlight blazes out from an upper window. It lights up their open-air lounge as they sip cocktails, and also lets their friends know that a welcome awaits them.

Enter Gladys Cooper

A CROSS the valley from the Stephensons is a bungalow with a curious, castle-like turret in its roof. Under this turret, which is hollow, sits Ivor Novello, putting the last touches to his latest musical show. He has not yet decided on its name, wavers between "The Snow Princess" and "King's Rhapsody," will say nothing at all except that it is set at the end of the last century.

Novello, tanned, grey-haired and wearing enormous horn-rimmed spectacles, pads barefoot about his bungalow, proudly showing visitors his blue tiled bathroom, his green tiled verandah. He spends his mornings swimming, his afternoons reading or working, rarely wearying anything more than beach clothes.

Staying with him are Zena Dacre, Oliver Gilbert and Robert Andrews. He hopes that Gladys Cooper will fly in soon.

Eighty miles further along the Gold Coast—so-called by cynical locals because of the fabulous prices asked and received in its hotels—is Noel Coward. He has built himself a new house bang on the edge of a cliff, is proud of his superb view of sea, mountains and forest, one of the best in Jamaica. Like a city that is set on a hill, his house cannot be hid, and he has no intention of hiding it.

Coward was told that it would be impossible to build on a solid rock, but he thought otherwise. Part of the rock was dynamited away—and the house went up.

The sun comes out of the sea each morning and finds him at work on the second part of his autobiography. He writes from seven until eleven, spends the rest of the day lazing, bathing or both.

With him is actor Graham Payn and a puppy called Rydlin, after a famous pirate. Noel boasts that this beast has the sharpest teeth of any dog on the island. It is no idle claim. I bear scars to prove it.

Spending a short time with him are Mr and Mrs Clive Brook, who say they also want a house here, and John C. Wilson, who has been Coward's associate producer for nearly 30 years. He has just flown in from New York, where he produced Cole Porter's latest show, "Kiss Me, Kate."

House to be happy in

A LONG the coast road, half-way between the two British theatrical peaks of Novello and Coward, is an American, Alfred de Lagrange, who has produced Jean Giraudoux's magnificent

"Mad Woman of Chaillot." Now New York's most discussed play, it stars British Martita Hunt, and it is one of the great allegories of this age and stage.

In Fleming, brother of author Peter, also has a house on this coast. It has its own private beach approached by the cautious with trepidation down a long flight of concrete steps. The rooms are charmingly decorated with old coloured prints of houses and curious fish. It is a house to be happy in.

Near by is a small, white bungalow with a wrought-iron front door. It belongs to Jean Eatten, who lives there with her mother. She has given up flying.

Hotels like rushrooms

SHE was the first person to fly alone from England to Australia and back again, and the first woman to make a solo flight to South America across the South Atlantic. She made both these flights in 1935. But she is still as slim and slight and smiling as she was then.

Hector Whistler, cousin of the famous Rex, has been holding a one-man art show in the lounge of an hotel near Port Maria. He has painted 20 Jamaican scenes,

has sold nearly every one to tourists.

Hotels sprout like mushrooms along this coast. Ex-Army officers sink gratuities into a few bedroom suites and a bar and hope that sun, the sea and the good goddess Fortune will provide them with their guests.

Clare Boothe's visit

LATEST hotel to hang out its sign is run by an old Assam tea-planter. He is Captain Oscar Michael Hetherington. His hotel is at Runaway Bay, which takes its name from the fact that the last Spanish governor, Christoval Arnoldo de Yassil, fled the island from it in 1655. Tough old Yassil rowed away snarling in a native canoe, eventually reached Cuba, a hundred miles away.

Brooding in the bar over this navigational feat was white-haired, cold-eyed Captain Bertram Milford, uncle of the late Unity. He bemoaned the fact that so little has been written about Jamaica.

Blonde, acid-tongued Clare Boothe Luce says that her stay here has given her an idea for a comedy. And Leslie Charteris, creator of The Saint, says that he is considering a new novel with a Jamaican background.

(London Express Service).

THE LIGHT-UP SONG By J. W. TAYLOR

EX-INFANTRYMAN Hubert Barracks, Lincoln, one snowy February morning in 1940. He had the inspiration for the first song in the middle of sampling tomatoes on toast—his pals thought it just the job for the coming camp concert. An old envelope was his manuscript paper. Back in the hut, Hubert was cleaning his rifle when the music for his song burst upon him, and down it went on the paper. Then he tried the song out on the boys, and by the time they had got "fell in," half the platoon were humming it. Platoon Sergeant Smalley wasn't at all pleased about this being lit up.

Suddenly the cheers which hailed the switch-on ceremony stilled as Zee sang the new famous song: "I Am Going To Get Lit Up When The Lights Go Up In London"—a song publishers at first rejected; the ditty which drew newspaper letters of protest and a mild broadcast rebuke from J.B. Priestley; the song which quite suddenly caught on and swept the wartime stage of London and New York. It was the song which Hubert wrote whilst having an Army breakfast at Burton Road

Indeed, it caused several of Hubert's pals to make a pact with him to meet and sing the lights did go on again.

Then, in 1943, Hubert strolled into a club just off Piccadilly Circus. Here the revellers heard this soldier on leave sing his strangely quaint yet sparkling song. George Black got to hear of it, and soon it was part and parcel of "Strike A New Note" at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Zee Gail and Sid Fields singing the West End version in white tie and tails. Jack Warner broadcast the Cockney version, and in New York, Hildegarde gave the American counterpart. As for the Lincoln's, it was their theme song in and out of battle.

Tin Pan Alley publishers fell over one another to print the song. The sheet music was published in every free country in the world, including Australia, where it was frowned upon by some radio networks; and in the occupied countries it became an "under the counter" melody. Later, the tune was

used as a broadcast signal to Resistance movements that the invasion was about to start.

Hubert came in for some criticism for writing "this decadent ditty." Some letters to the newspapers were faintly annoyed about it. What does Hubert say about it all? Says he: "Apologies, where necessary, for the shameful spirits of myself and my hut-mates. But, please, the song was never intended to be a 'cat-out-of-the-bag' expression of national policy. It was just breakfast doggerel and pull-through music to help thirty old 'Yellow Belts'—Lincolnshire lads to you—through their tomatoes on toast and rifle drill."

But Hubert has long since made his peace everybody. When the London lights did go on again the other week-end, the BBC and Zee Gail put over his song in a big way, and made it quite a feature of the switch-on ceremony.

As for the Lincoln's, it is beginning to rival their Regimental "Lincolnshire Poacher" march.

I'm not so certain it's a win

Sefton Delmer's NEWSMAP

MR BEVIN, buoyed up by the signing of the Atlantic Pact, says "the cold war has been won . . . at least in Western Europe."

Americans writing of the recent changes in the Kremlin have a way of basing their speculations on the assumption that Stalin is conscious of "his recent defeats in the cold war."

My American colleagues have a network of able reporters at their disposal throughout the world. Mr Bevin has access to a wealth of information, from both open and secret sources. And yet I wonder.

Week after week I travel around my parish taking the temperature of the capitals—and villages. As I read the thermometer the cold war is still far from over. Over-confidence and wishful optimism are not the least of the perils.

THE KING ACTED

AS I found last week in Athens.

Four months ago the Greeks were in despair. The Communist guerrillas, heavily reinforced from Albania and Bulgaria, had seized control of a considerable part of Northern Greece and the Peloponnese.

They were making successful raids in force on big towns with populations up to 80,000. They held the towns for a few days, then retired carrying off with them arms, provisions, and prisoners, whom they pressed-ganged into joining them as soldiers.

The Government army was demoralised. Two divisions had mutinied. Generals were quarrelling among themselves, refusing to obey each other's orders. The Government coalition was disintegrating. There was no leader.

And then the King stepped in—energetic young King Paul of Greece. Backed by the Americans and ourselves, he persuaded the politicians to forget their squabbles, broaden their vision by looking in some of the opposition, and appoint as commander-in-chief with full powers General Papagos, the soldier who in 1940, had so brilliantly defeated the invading Italians.

Papagos was given powers which none of the Greek commanders fighting the Communists had enjoyed so far. He was authorised to dismiss and promote officers without consulting the politicians. Military efficiency and not party patron-

age became the criterion in army appointments for the first time in post-war Greece.

To make sure that Papagos would not fear he was being double-crossed by the up-and-coming Spiro Markezinos, leader of a small, opposition group of 14 deputies, and a trusted friend both of General Papagos and the king, was introduced into the inner War cabinet as Minister without portfolio.

PERIL IN GREECE

By the time I arrived in Athens last week the Greek Army, fighting with a new morale and a new discipline, had heavily defeated the guerrillas.

And the politicians? Believe it or not, they are so confident that the guerrillas are finished and done with and the Communist peril banned for good that they are rebelling against the powers conferred on Papagos.

As a first step in their campaign to put him in his place, they are attempting to oust Markezinos.

If Markezinos is ousted and Papagos's power is undermined, then there is no question in my mind: However much the Politburo and the Cominform may be preoccupied with the moment the war in Greece will see many more offensives from the Communists.

EXODUS ENDED?

IN Rome airport waiting with me were a group of Czech Jews on their way to Palestine in a Czech Airlines plane. The satisfaction in their faces was not just the satisfaction of the pilgrim.

They were delighted, so one of them told me, because they had managed to get on this aircraft. For it is likely to be one of the last to leave Prague with Jews for Israel.

Czechoslovakia, despite the help it has given with arms, guns, aircraft, and pilots to the Jews in their fight to drive out the Arab inhabitants from Palestine, has joined the Soviet Union and the other satellite States in an all-out attack on the Zionists.

They have closed down the Joint Distribution Committee, stopped almost all emigration to Israel, expelled Zionists from the Communist-controlled Jewish community councils, and even refused transit visas to Jews from Poland wishing to fly to Lydda via Prague.

JEWS UNDER FIRE

IN the Soviet Union the attack on the Zionists has now taken on the familiar colours of an attack on Jews in general.

The majority of intellectuals under fire in the current rampage against theatrical, musical and literary critics are Jews. They are denounced as "homeless cosmopolitans." The Soviet newspapers have even been giving the Jewish names of the men they denounce in brackets after their adopted Russian names. Thus Moscow's Literary Gazette denounced "a malignant putrid story by Melnikov (Melman)" and the cynical, impudent activities of B. Yakovlev (Holzman).

Only Poland provides an interesting divergence by not joining in the general attack.

But I doubt whether the reason for this is, as some suggest, that out of 13 members of the Warsaw Politburo seven are Jews. For Jews also dominate the other satellite Politburos.

Now, whatever your feelings may be about this policy, it certainly does not look like the policy of a man who is conscious of having suffered defeat. It shows no tendency to conciliate.

No, Mr. Bevin, I do not think the cold war has been won. Not even in Western Europe.

(London Express Service).

NANCY

Nag Swag

By Ernie Bushmiller



Complete Agreement On W. German Constitution

NEW REPUBLIC BY JULY FORECAST

Frankfurt, Apr. 25.—The Western Allies and German political leaders today reached full and final agreement on a Constitution for the new West German Federal Republic.

The terms were hammered out by the three Allied Military Governors and 17 German representatives from the Bonn Constituent Assembly, which has for eight months been seeking an agreement on a Constitution acceptable to the Allies.

The agreement completes the framework for the proposed West German State and its actual creation, including democratic elections, may now be only a matter of weeks.

The basis of today's discussions was a compromise proposal drafted by the Germans within 48 hours of receiving a note from the Allied Foreign Ministers last Friday, offering more liberal terms within which to frame the Constitution.

The agreement, announced by the American Military Governor, General Lucius D. Clay, is still subject to official approval by the Bonn Assembly and by the Allied Governments, but these endorsements are regarded as hardly more than a formality.

All non-Communist parties at Bonn were represented at today's meeting. The Allied Governors gave their approval to the latest German proposals for the distribution of financial and legislative powers at between the Federal Government and the States with only minor modifications.

Another danger to the drafting plans was believed to have been removed at private talks among the Germans during the second interval in today's six-hour conference.

They were understood to have reached agreement on outstanding points concerning churches and schools, eliminating the risk that reservations in this sphere might bring the compromise to other problems.

A political adviser accompanied each of the three Military Governors at the meeting. With General Sir Brian Robertson, was Mr. Christopher Steele, his political adviser. With General Sir Robert Murphy, chief of the German section of the State Department, was Mr. Robert Murphy, chief of the German section of the State Department, and with General Sir Robert Murphy, chief of the German section of the State Department, was Mr. Robert Murphy, chief of the German section of the State Department.

Details of the final compromise drawn up by the German politicians were sent to the Military Governors before the meeting.

General Robertson greeted the "full and final" agreement as "an historic stage" in the relations between the occupying powers and the German people.

General Clay forecast the setting up of a new Republic by the middle of July. With its birth, the Allied Military Government will be withdrawn, and, in the words of the three-power Washington declaration, Allied control will become "mainly supervisory."

General Clay said the text of the Constitution would be made public by both the German representatives and the Military Governors "in two or three days" after translations had been made.

Declining to disclose details of today's agreement, General Clay said: "We have been doing a lot of talking today and we do not want three or four different versions of our discussions getting about until we and the Germans have had time to prepare the exact wording and translation."

Berlin will not be included in the West German State, though this may be an eventual possibility, General Clay said.

Reuter.

Govt. Sued For Damages

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with him a table, a stool and some cards for filling in particulars to the pavement in front of the Kowloon Magistracy.

Drivers of cars and other vehicles whose vehicles were inspected were given a card and a duplicate card was kept in a box, said Mak. After an inspection certain entries would be made if a car was passed.

WHEN IT RAINED

Mr. Bernacki: What occurred on a day if it rained?

Witness: In such an event Cowie only would venture out. I would remain in the office and the cards would also be there.

Supposing the Inspector passed a vehicle at the time when it was raining and you were in the office, in what way would that fact be recorded—in that case the Inspector, on returning to the office after the inspection, would ask me to produce the cards relating to the vehicles he had examined.

What about cars examined for the first time, when a driver would have to be issued with a card? Where would the card be issued? I am still talking about a day when it was raining. The Inspector would bring the driver to whom a card was to be issued to the office, and the Inspector would make out a card.

If a car was failed, no card was issued? Yes.

Speaking of the events on the morning of June 5, 1947, Mak said he went out to the pavement in front of the Magistracy with his table, stool and box of cards. Two buses which were waiting to be examined were passed by Cowie, who also examined and passed a taxi. Cowie then called to a group of drivers and asked which of them had had their vehicles examined in May. Four or five drivers stepped forward. Cowie examined the licences and chassis of their vehicles and passed them.

Next Cowie examined lorries which had not been inspected before. He first examined an old Chevrolet or Studebaker lorry. After looking at it, Cowie climbed into the driving seat and drove off down Gloucester Road towards Jordan Road with the driver in his car. Three or four minutes later, Cowie returned and stopped off the lorry for about eight or nine feet from the table. He stepped off the vehicle and witness heard him tell the driver to go. That was all he said, witness declared. The driver went off in his lorry. No card was issued for that vehicle although witness had seen Cowie stand for a while and then went up to a taxi, witness continued. When he had got into the taxi, he called to interpret and asked him to interpret his remarks to the driver. Witness said he had a fire extinguisher and the driver replied that it was in his garage. Cowie then drove off in the taxi to the Kowloon Taxi Company, and the next stood watching, and the taxi had not gone far when it began to rain. Fearing that his cards, table and stool would get wet, he took them back to the Traffic Office.

CARRIED CIGARETTES

Asked if he knew whether Cowie smoked, witness said he did. He added that he noticed that Cowie always carried cigarettes with him.

Witness: You have told us about some of the vehicles which Cowie had to examine and you said he examined the licence and chassis. What sort of a position had he to get into to do that?

Witness: He had to squat down sometimes and he also had to crawl underneath the vehicles to inspect the chassis.

Speaking of vehicles belonging to large companies, witness said their particulars were contained in a book and not in cards. Entries in the book were made by Cowie himself. The hearing is proceeding.

LONDON VISIT

In last Saturday's Pictorial Supplement of the Telegraph, it was stated that Mr. Shum Choy-sung, of the Wah Kiu Yat Po, and Mr. Zeeland Kwong, of the Kung Sheng Yat Po, were going to England to study newspaper conditions at the invitation of the British Council. We are now informed that the invitation was actually from the Colonial Office.

Record Fish Catch

Grimby, Apr. 25.—Thirty-one trawlers landed enough fish here today to provide half a pound a head for seven million people. A Ministry of Food official described the total as "a world record supply for one day."—Reuter

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'm going to send a flock of postcards to our friends up north—and write 'em all in a southern drawl!'"

Naval Atom War Preview At Greenwich

Strict Secrecy Imposed

London, Apr. 25.—A top-secret preview of naval "atom age" warfare opened at Greenwich Naval College, London, today before the most important peace-time gathering of British, Commonwealth and United States service chiefs ever assembled in Britain.

The study, known as operation "Trident" and due to last five days, was held behind heavily-guarded doors surrounded by stricter security measures than prevailed on many war-time occasions.

Battle For Soochow Begins

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Shanghai's five million population—fourth greatest of any city in the world—has awaited the Communists for some time. There was some shuffling of the feet before the Communists entered on Sunday. City schools were closed on Monday.

There were reports that some government ammunition ships left Shanghai during darkness, but the waterfront appeared quiet.

Few troops were to be seen around Shanghai, and no fighting was reported.—Associated Press.

PAPER SUSPENDED

Shanghai, Apr. 25.—The local Garrison authorities have suspended the British-owned North China Daily News for three days and have ordered George Vine, Assistant Editor of the News, and Graham Jenkins, Reuter-AAP correspondent, to be detained for the same period of time.

Suspension orders originally made against two Chinese-owned English language newspapers, the China Press and the China Daily Tribune, have been withdrawn.

The detention terms against Vine and Jenkins were made under martial law regulations but it is believed that the order will be rescinded and the two men released at 11 a.m. local time today.

It is understood that the charge against them was that they had "spread rumours" calculated to cause public alarm. Mr. N. F. Allman, American publisher of the China Press, also published the Reuter-AAP story, was also called in for questioning as was, it is believed, Mr. C. Y. Chang, Editor of the China Daily Tribune.

A British Consular representative went to see Vine and Jenkins last night. He later said that they were being well treated and that they were commencing to feel better. He added that the two newspapersmen were in good spirits.

Royal Anniversary

London, Apr. 25.—Their Majesties the King and Queen will tomorrow celebrate the 26th anniversary of their wedding. There will be a small family luncheon party at Buckingham Palace.—Reuter

Water Sales Fall Off

Union Waterboat Co. Mooting

The sale of water during the year had been approximately 5 per cent. less than for the previous year—mainly because of the American shipping strike—reported the Chairman of the Union Waterboat Co. Ltd., at their 40th Ordinary General Meeting, held at the offices of the General Managers (Messrs. Dowell & Co., Ltd.) this morning.

The Chairman, Mr. E. R. Hill, also pointed out that their Consulting Committee had decided to set off War Losses amounting to \$109,510.00 against General Reserves.

During the year the sale of water amounted to 600,030 tons, approximately 5 per cent less than the preceding year. This was mainly due to the American shipping strike which occurred during the latter part of 1948.

Our new waterboat, Tai Ng No. 5, was launched on May 28, 1948, and put into service on August 2, 1948. She has proved to be entirely satisfactory. The total cost of this vessel was \$364,471.21.

Our fleet of six waterboats and the M. L. Diana are in first class condition and are superintended by a reported for many years of service. The present year have been well. Sales to date have been higher than those for the corresponding period of 1948.

Turning to the Statement of Accounts, I do not think any. Account calls for special comment. You will note from your Balance Sheet that our Consulting Committee decided to set off War Losses amounting to \$109,510.00 against our General Reserves.

In the Profit and Loss Account you will see that the balance available for appropriation is \$207,037.70 for appropriation in a study of the recommendations of the Committee. To write down value of investments by \$34,800.

To transfer to General Reserve 80,510.50
To pay a Dividend of \$1.—free of Tax on 71,430 shares 71,430
To pay a Bonus of \$1.—free of Tax on 71,430 shares 71,430
To carry forward to next account 2,607.16
Total \$207,037.70

Communists Invade U.S. Embassy

(Continued from Page 1)

The State Department said before Nanking fell Dr. Stuart was told that he should return to the United States after the safety of Americans in the lower Yangtze Valley was assured.

Dr. Stuart, now in Nanking, will leave for the United States when he "considers it advisable."

A branch of the Embassy is operating at Canton under Mr. Lewis Clark, Minister Counselor.—United Press, Reuter and Associated Press.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcels close on ordinary mail, it mails close before 10 a.m., registered close before 10 a.m. and parcels close before 10 a.m. Office hours at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26
Closing Times by Air:
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Bombay, 5 p.m.
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Radio Hongkong

10.00. Programme Summary: 6.31. Children's Story: "Dragons and Lanterns" by Barnaby Twist; 6.45. Blue Baron and His Orchestra; 7.00. Vocal: Clyde Burke (Studio); 7.15. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 7.30. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 7.45. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 8.00. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 8.15. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 8.30. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 8.45. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 9.00. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 9.15. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 9.30. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 9.45. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 10.00. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 10.15. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 10.30. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 10.45. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 11.00. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 11.15. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 11.30. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 11.45. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 12.00. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 12.15. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 12.30. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 12.45. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 1.00. Vocal: S. K. Lee (Studio); 1.15. Vocal: S. K. 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ENGLAND ELIMINATED

HOLLAND WINS 1-0
IN HOCKEY UPSET

By "RECORDER"

As many expected they would, the Dutch upset England in the first round of the International Hockey Tournament in the match played at Sookunpoo yesterday. Playing throughout the season as a team in the Hockey League, they were in a position to show better understanding as such and, with a bit of luck thrown in, they emerged winners by the only goal.

It was anybody's game until two minutes to full time when the Dutch were lucky to score off a long corner. The game was featured by a steady defence on both sides and by some excellent saves effected by both the goalkeepers.

The Dutch deserved their victory if only for the energy with which they tackled every dangerous situation and every opening that presented itself for an attack. Above all, they deserved it for the fact that they were not overawed by their all-star opposition.

For England, it was a game of missed chances. The spirited tackling of the Dutch defence broke up successful attacks on their goal even, but the steady clearing of Van der Voort, Verheul and Van Heuter seldom materialised into a switch to the offensive as Cartwright and especially Mathewson broke up the beginnings of a Dutch attack.

Mathewson was in grand form and left little work for the full-back line. The Dutch attack, stronger on the right wing with Steyn Parve, Verheul and Van Pesteel, was well pinned down and the weather left little chance against Apps and Guest.

Apps was in good spilling form and played, particularly in the second half, a grand game. Guest was cool as ever and his accurate passing up the field stood out in contrast to the general tendency to a robust rather than a strategic clearance.

The English attack was far superior to Holland's but there was little precision to it and the fast tempo of the game and scrappy passing left the raids on goal to the individual effort.

It was stronger on the right wing with the Fowler brothers, both of whom gave the Dutch defence some trying moments. Both the Fowlers slackened up toward the end of the game after being steadily marked throughout by Van Kretschmar and Olland with van Heuter, the Dutch played the mainstay of a spirited triangle that kept this double threat at bay.

Russell and Brown on the left wing, well-fed by Mathewson behind them, gave the Dutch some worry, but they were up against Van der Voort, an ex-

cellent right-back with a good sense of position.

The first half, though there was an occasional Dutch attack, saw England largely in control of the game. It was in the second half that the Dutch set up a spirit offensive that was a switch from wing to wing and was largely directed by the excellent distribution of van Heuter.

The long-passing game that developed saw a continued and spirited effort by the Dutch to break through on the right wing, surprising tactics against England's more solid defence there but understandable after the first half duels with Mathewson.

In this phase of the game Apps came to the fore and his spilling took the nip out of the Dutch offensive here and in the last few minutes it was switched to more concentration on the other wing where Slaughter, a fast outside-left, though not possessing good control of the ball, had several opportunities for a good breakthrough.

Though he missed some earlier chances, it was Slaughter who opened the way for Holland's victory, forcing the corner from which the Dutch goal came.

The goal was an excellent hand drive with his hand to allow Olland to take aim. Rowlands, had he been given a clear field of vision, could have saved this. He managed to stop

the ball just on the line. Ernie Fowler came to his aid and in an attempt to clear it gave it the added spin necessary to let it trickle past the goal line.

The teams were:
Holland: Visser, Van der Voort, Olland, Verheul, Van Kretschmar, Steyn Parve, Erkelens, Van Pesteel, Piester and Slaughter.

England: Rowlands (Navy); A. E. P. Guest (Khalsa), Webb (Army); Apps (Police), Cartwright (Army); Mathewson (Navy); Payne (Army), St. Fowler (Civil Service), Russell (Army) and D. Brown (Police).

Home Turf
Favourites

No. 1: HIGH STAKES

Chestnut gelding, by Hyperion out of Pennycomequick.

Owner, Lord Astor; trainer, R. J. Colting. Now seven years old, but I would hesitate to bet on any younger horse beating him from ten furlongs to a mile and a half, on going firm enough to suit him.

Record of his last 18 races, in 1947 and '48: 10 wins, one second, one third.

Charlie Elliott, ace match-rider, brought about his undoing with Nigral in a two-horse race at York, and soft ground caused his other defeat.

You could not find a better-looking or a sweeter-tempered horse. Courage and intelligence are written on his head, and his physique is a perfect blend of grace and strength and symmetry.

A summer's day sees him at his best, with the sunshine to emphasise and the greenery of an English paddock scene to offset the radiance of his golden-chestnut colouring. He has legs as hard as steel bars, and still in remarkable condition after so much wear and tear.

Sometimes he does not appear particularly impressive in victory, and should say he prefers to be the challenger rather than the challenged. But any rider of High Stakes can bank on the certainty of his unflinching courage.

At present, although unaffected by coughing, he is doing light work only. Recently I saw him cantering and afterwards in his box. As you would expect, he is more like a pet than a racehorse. "He's perfect in every way," said the boy who looks after him. Remember just one point, which is fully appreciated by the admirers in the stable... the firmer the ground the better he likes it.

So far High Stakes has won 24 races. He is good for another half-dozen victories in 1949.

Clive Graham
London Express Service

Schools' Soccer

The following is the School Football League programme for to-morrow:

Senior Division.—Ellis Kadourie v. Diocesan Club, 4 p.m.; Talkoo v. Wah Yan, Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.; La Salle v. Ying Wah, La Salle, 4 p.m.

Junior Division.—Wantsai (P.M.) v. E. K. (P.M.), Army "1", 4 p.m.; Wah Yan v. A. Chinese (A.M.), St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.; Queen's v. Govt. Vernacular, St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.

CONNIE MACK SHOWS HOW

Callover On The
Guineas & Derby

London, Apr. 25.—Lord Rosebery's Peter Flower was the best backed horse for the Two Thousand Guineas when the card was called over at the Victoria Club, London, tonight. Peter Flower closed a firm fourth favourite at 13 to 2, a cut of three and a half points compared with the previous callover when he was quoted at 10 to 1.

Recent rains at Newmarket have enhanced Peter Flower's chance. In his only race this season he ran second to Spy Legend in the Free Handicap, conceding 14 pounds to the winner and being beaten by one and a half lengths. Spy Legend won the Fisher Cup at Sandown Park on Saturday under the record weight of nine stone three pounds, and his performance paid tribute to Peter Flower's first effort this season.

Both the favourite, Abernant, and the second favourite, Star King, were easier to back. Abernant closed at 2 to 1 against 7 to 4 last week. Star King drifted from 11 to 4 to 7 to 2 and most bookmakers tonight were eager to lay against him.

Mr J. C. Waugh, Star King's trainer, said: "Star King is absolutely all right and very fit." Amour Drake, the French challenger, was unchanged at 6 to 1, while the odds against Nimbus were cut from 100 to 8 to 10 to 1.

Special place betting was introduced about the first five horses quoted. Four horses were quoted for the Derby. Swallow Tail maintained his position as favourite. He closed at 19 to 2, half a point less than last week.

Peter Flower, offered at 100 to 7 last week, was quoted tonight at 19 to 1, being made second favourite with Royal Forest.

QUOTATIONS
Tonight's prices were:
Two Thousand Guineas
10 to 1 Abernant
7 to 2 Star King
6 to 1 Amour Drake
13 to 2 Peter Flower
10 to 1 Nimbus
20 to 1 Hindustan and Decorum
33 to 1 Beverly and Chinua Verdict
40 to 1 Granl and Malapura
50 to 1 Bear Dance
Special place betting for Two Thousand Guineas—
7 to 4 on Abernant
11 to 8 on Star King
Even Amour Drake
11 to 8 Peter Flower
10 to 4 Nimbus
Others in proportion.

18 to 2 Swallow Tail
10 to 1 Peter Flower and Royal Forest
100 to 7 Jar Hind
100 to 6 bar four.—Reuter.

Referees' Meeting

It was disclosed at the Football Referees' Association fortnightly meeting yesterday that a sum of \$300 had been granted by the Hongkong Football Association.

Mr A. E. P. Guest was appointed the referees' representative on the Football Association's sub-committee.

The final meeting of the Association will be held on May 9, at 7.30 p.m.

Connie Mack, the 86-year-old manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, shows his young pitchers a thing or two about stance on the mound during a training session at Clearwater, Fla. The pitchers are (left to right): Bob Shantz, Clement Hausmann and Jimmie Wilson.

Connie Mack Confident
Of Pennant

By LEO H. PETERSEN

This could be the year Connie Mack has been waiting for since 1931—the one more pennant he wants for his Philadelphia Athletics.

"I feel we have a good chance," he said, pointing to what he called his new \$100,000 infield. That was going pretty far for old Connie as he long has adhered to a policy of conservatism for he doesn't want to build up false hopes among the Athletic fans.

"But I think we are going to have great pitching, great catching, great infielders and great outfielders," he said in defense of that statement. "The players feel we have a great chance to win and I agree with them."

VERY CONFIDENT

"So I am very confident. Of course with teams like Boston, Cleveland and the Yankees you know it is going to be quite a race. But we have strengthened our club and we should be right up in there with them."

This strength, he said, came from a "stronger bench." "We were handicapped last year because our utility players were not up to par. But this year with veterans like Taft Wright and Wally Moses to help us out in the outfield and Tom Davis in the infield we won't lack reserve strength."

Davis is a rookie up from Hollywood of the Pacific Coast League.

But Mack said Davis, as promising as he looks, could not break into his regular inner quartet.

"I think he has a chance to make it," he said. "I can throw better than that so-called \$100,000 infield I had back from 1910 to 1914," he said. That was the infield of Berry, Baker, Collins and McGinnis.

"This infield can outthrow that one, he said, and it was one of the greatest throwing infields I ever saw."

NO SINGLE PROBLEM

"I don't honestly see where I have a single problem," he said, laughing off the feeling in some quarters that his team was too slow.

"I think we'll find enough speed,"

Richie, he believes and everyone agrees with him, will be his club's strongest point.

With Lou Brissie, Phil Marchildon, Carl Scheib, Dick Fowler, Joe Coleman and Bill McMahon as his starters it ranks as one of the best staffs in the business. Scheib, he thinks, will be "one of the best pitchers in the league this year."

"He is going to be a great one, mark my words," he said. Scheib won 14 and lost eight last season and also did yeoman duty as a pinch-hitter.

IOC Meeting

Rome, Apr. 25.—Two new members—Prince Rainier, of Monaco, and Ahmed Jaffer, of Pakistan—were appointed here today at the meeting of the International Olympic Committee.

The Committee for most of its two sessions today studied reports of the American Commission, headed by Mr Avery Brundage, Chairman of the United States Olympic Committee, regarding the statutes of the International Olympic Committee. No decisions have been reached.

Mr Angelo Holmachi, Greek representative on the International Olympic Committee, was awarded the Olympic diploma in recognition of 40 years' service.—Reuter.

PROVIDENT FUND SCHEME IS

Too Expensive For
The Smaller Clubs

By JOHN MACADAM

There's a lot of hooah among the Soccer people we have talked with this week about football finances generally, and particularly the provident fund the Players' Union are getting on with for the after-play future of the players.

It seems that the union will have to trim their sails very carefully between the point of getting good conditions for all the players in all divisions or fair conditions for all the players in a reduced number of divisions.

A manager well known in the game (he shall be nameless, because he is shy of publicity) told us in the course of our travels that the provident scheme will put more than half the Third Division clubs and some of the Second Division ones out of business.

And by business he means football. "It is no good the F.A. pretending, by giving big allocations of Cup Final tickets to the amateur clubs whom they claim are the nursery of football, that amateurism is the basis of the whole thing. There were 50 years ago, but it is no longer, and football must now be centred on population and gate-potentiality."

And, how to get these funds? Money should come from the following sources: 1. The Pools; 2. International matches; 3. trial matches.

"Why should the League," he says, "give the greatest money spinner, the Cup, that attracts the biggest gate in the game, to the Football Association?"

"We find and train the players, we glamorise the clubs, and the F.A. cash in on the Cup ties. All this money could be split up among the clubs for their provident scheme."

—(London Express Service).

Home Football

London, Apr. 25.—The results of soccer games played today were:

Second Division	Third Division
West Ham U. 1	Sheff. U. 1
Sheff. U. 1	Sheff. U. 1
Morton 0	Rangers 1
Brighton 1	Charlton 3
Millwall 3	Collic 1
Tottenham 2	Hibernian 5

—Reuter.

Rugger Results

London, Apr. 25.—The results of rugby football games played today were:

Rugby Union	Rugby League
Cross Keys 8	Penzance and Newlyn 0
Neath 3	Swansea 6
Torquay 12	Gloucester 0
Huddersfield 36	Leeds 9
Hunsley 20	Bramley 2
St. Helen's 16	Barrow 5

—Reuter.

ON THE RECORD

Round Robin or the Knockout System?

The decision of the Kowloon Chess Club to run its annual tournament for the Club Championship in two sections has, as it was anticipated it would, irritated quite a few of the participants.

Said one of the weaker players: "The two sections are not balanced in strength. If I was in the other group I would stand a good chance of winning at least three games. In this group I will be lucky to win one."

In chess especially, a good three-quarters of the players in a tournament do not expect to emerge champions. They enter for the chance of getting a number of games against players of a better class.

Twelve entries were received for the tournament and they will be fighting it out in two groups of six with the sectional winners contesting the final.

On paper, it seems, the contestants in Section "A" could take on the contestants in Section "B" in a match game, and win. Certainly there would be few backers of "Section B" in such a match who would bet at odds of less than one to ten.

The Club Committee, whose point of view we must see, decided that a round-robin with 12 players would take a minimum 11 weeks. The sectional system provides for the tournament being over in a little over half that time.

Long tournaments have in the past irritated as many people as has the sectional system. Yet, one point stands out in favour of the complete round robin, and that is that an upset is not so disastrous and the thrill is always there of one of the also-rans knocking out a Goliath at a decisive stage of the tournament.

Also, the argument comes in, and quite correctly, that Tom Smith may be an excellent player but he invariably gets upset by Billy Brown. All top chess players have someone in a class below them who has a habit of fixing their aspirations.

It has even been suggested, to shorten tournaments that the knockout system be employed.

In vogue to some extent in tennis clubs is the ladder tournament. It is a feature also of the local squash season. Much can be said in favour of a ladder tournament. A factor that brings it into disrepute normally is that the man on a higher rung, when once he has defeated the man on a lower rung five times in a row has little taste left for the next challenge. The man on the lower rung, too, can finish up very much fitter than another.

In the knockout system in vogue the world over, the beginner, however persistent, is likely enough not to get beyond the second round for a good five years in a row. The sudden eclipse gives him little prospect of improving his game.

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—"RECORDER"

Fanling Golf

England defeated Scotland at Fanling on Sunday by 29½ to 23, winning 13 singles to England's 8, 5 matches being halved. In the foursomes England won 8 to Scotland's 6.

The qualifying round for the Captain's Cup may be played on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1, so as not to interfere with the Jubilee Competitions to be held the following week-end.

The scores for the England v. Scotland match are as follows with representatives of England name first:

SINGLES

G. G. D. Carter 1	D. S. Robb 0
A. E. Llesmann 1	E. S. Llesmann 0
L. Goldman 1	I. W. Shewan 0
D. A. O. Davies 1	E. B. Mackay 0
R. E. Collins 1	J. J. Cowperthwaite 0
G. T. A. Eeare 0	S. B. Mackie 0
J. R. Gillian 0	S. B. Mackie 0
Gordon 1	W. O. Davies 1
Cleland 0	H. W. Heath 0
Robertson 1	W. J. Dyer 0
Stewart 1	W. J. Dyer 0
Haig 0	W. J. Dyer 0
C. Saville 1	R. S. Barry 0
E. Easmeur 0	A. J. Macdonald 0
N. J. Whelpton 1	D. L. Prophet 0
C. M. Pryce 1	W. E. Grieve 0
J. A. Redman 0	A. T. Dow 0
G. Alton 0	R. C. Gardner 0
J. A. Redman 0	A. T. Dow 0
Thillinghurst 0	W. H. Paterson 1
H. J. D. Lowe 0	K. A. Miller 0
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E. W. Graves 0	A. McBride 1
R. P. Morris 1	W. J. Cowie 0
G. P. Ferguson 0	A. Todd 0
L. D. Pringle 0	E. A. Brodie 0
Total—England, 13½; Scotland, 10.	

FOURSOMES

Carter—Deakin 1	Robb—Stirling 0
Llesmann—Whelpton 1	Llesmann—Whelpton 0
Goldman—Pryce 1	Shewan—Grieve 0
D. A. O. Davies—Macdonald 1	Macdonald—Grieve 0
Collins—Jackson 2	Cowperthwaite—Gardner 0
G. T. A. Eeare—Alton 2	J. R. Gillian—Dow 2
Gordon—Dow 2	Robertson—Dow 2
Stewart—Dow 2	Haig—Dow 2
C. Saville—Dow 2	E. Easmeur—Dow 2
N. J. Whelpton—Dow 2	C. M. Pryce—Dow 2
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Total—England, 13½; Scotland, 10.	

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—London Express Service.

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Chinese Throng Airport To Flee From Shanghai

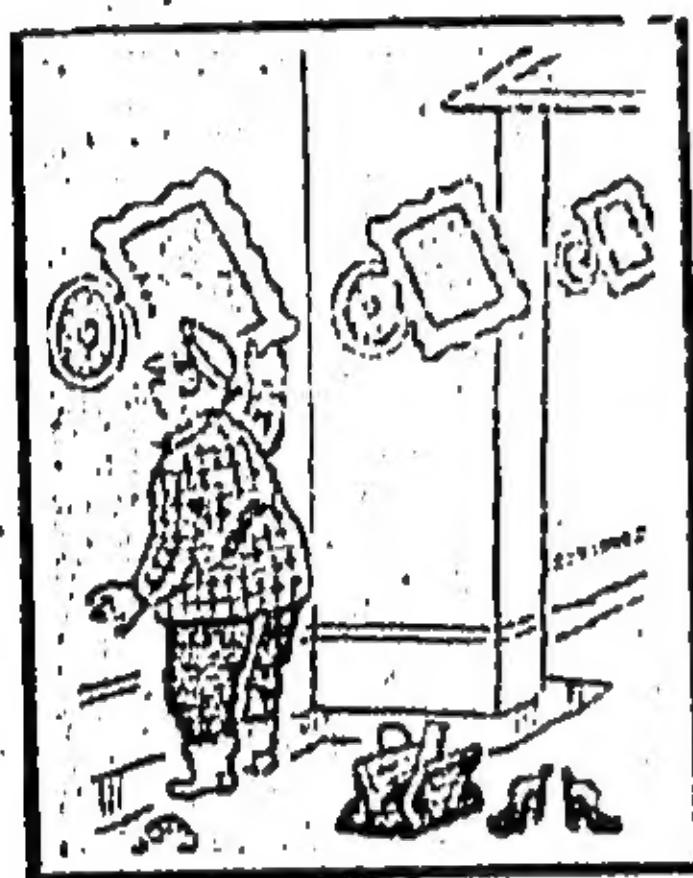
TWO RUSSIAN DIPLOMATIC COURIERS ARRIVE

(Frank H. Bartholomew, United Press Vice-President for the Pacific Division, arrived in Shanghai yesterday to take charge of United Press coverage of the Chinese civil war. His first dispatch from the scene follows.)

Shanghai, Apr. 25.—I stepped off the plane at the International Airport here early this evening and found that it was thronged with wealthy Chinese awaiting air evacuation in any direction. Waiting rooms at the airport were piled high with baggage. Air traffic was unbelievably congested. Incoming planes were stacked up on the air strips.

There was no sign of any war damage around the airport. The excitement and tension among the Customs and Immigration officials reflected the Communist threat to this city of 6,000,000.

POCKET CARTOON



Rain fell from the lowering skies as one of the great cities of the world waited to be invaded.

The Chinese currency was collapsing hour by hour. American dollars were not acceptable. William C. Carter, newspaper photographer who accompanied me from Tokyo, was held by the Customs until the Northwest Airlines paid on his behalf \$2,100,000 in Shanghai currency as duty on three rolls of film. The airline delivered the money in \$1,000 bills fastened with rubber bands—a total value of US\$15.

Half a mile from the airport on our way into Shanghai, we were stopped at a barbed wire road block. Nationalist soldiers with rifles were ready to check every article on the crowded road and every individual passenger.

4 MILES IN 2 HOURS

All Chinese were required to produce identification cards. Two hours were required to creep the four-mile distance from the airport to the city. The roads were jammed with refugees in every type of conveyance and in every condition of life.

I was told that during the day the streets in the city had been crowded with all kinds of vehicles and humanity. But this evening some semblance of normalcy had returned.

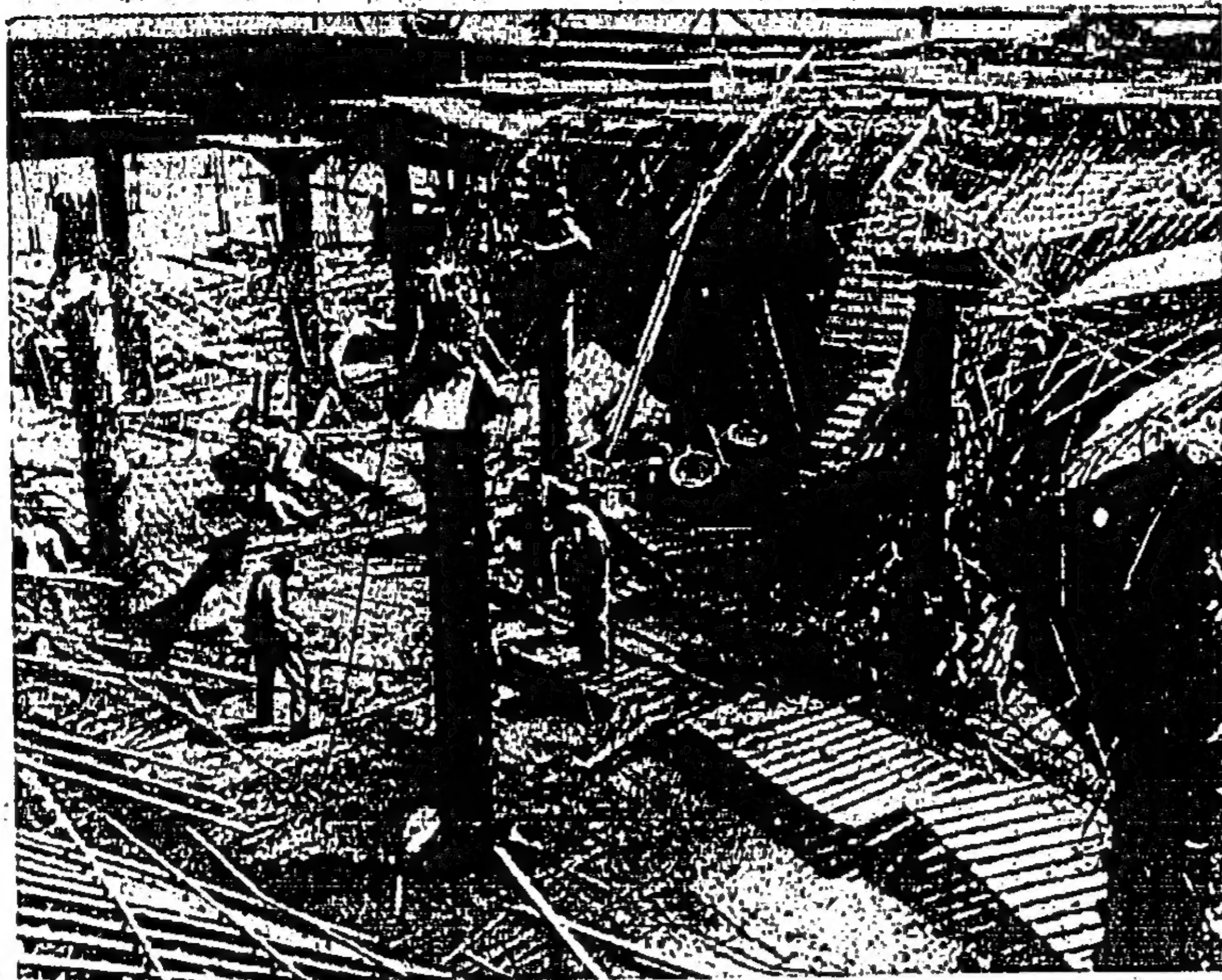
The awareness of the approaching Communist armies was reflected in the refugees huddled in the doorways of downtown buildings to ward off the rain as best as they could. The police and the city authorities were doing their best to improve the situation.

The Central Bank of China and other government organizations were operating as usual. Commodity and financial markets gave most of their attention to settling accounts left over from last week.

PRICES RESTORED

The United States dollar dropped in relation to the Gold Yuan and was averaging 300,000 Gold Yuan to US\$1. Greenbacks lost their lure for street vendors. Many shops, which slashed their prices on Saturday in an effort to unload their stocks before the Communists arrived, were boosting the quotations back to normal today.

On our arrival at the airport, two "Russian" diplomatic couriers went through the Chinese Customs on diplomatic immunity. Their 35 pounds of excess baggage was passed the same way without examination. The couriers, Grigori Prokine, 42, and Ivan Titov, had described their trip as "routine." But their presence, aboard the plane and their trip to Shanghai, when it seemed about to fall into Communist hands, aroused considerable interest.—United Press.



One man was killed and nine injured when the roof of a reservoir under construction at Santa Monica, Calif., collapsed on workmen. The body of the workman killed, Robert Lacy, 65, was buried in wet concrete. Arrow at left points to injured man being treated by policeman.—AP Picture.

MacArthur Wants Information About Japanese Prisoners In Russian Hands

Tokyo, Apr. 26.—General MacArthur's diplomatic chief today demanded from Russia "all available" information concerning the deaths, disappearances and serious illness of Japanese war prisoners still in Soviet territory, pointing out that Moscow thus far has failed to furnish all such information.

The official message presented to the Soviet representative in Tokyo, Lieutenant General Kuzma N. Derevyanko, said the matter was of "grave concern to the Supreme Commander" in his implementation of the terms of surrender and the Potsdam Declaration.

The letter to General Derevyanko was signed by Mr. William J. Sebald, chairman and American member of the Allied Council for Japan. General Derevyanko represents the Soviet Union on the same body.

The letter asked General Derevyanko to seek the necessary information from the Soviet government.

It is estimated that considerably over 40,000 Japanese are still detained in Soviet-controlled areas despite continued SCAP efforts to expedite their repatriation. The completion of mass repatriation from all United States-controlled areas in the Western Pacific and the Far East was officially announced on January 8, 1947.

REPARATION PROBLEM Mr. Sebald's letter said: "Reference is made to the discussion on the problem of repatriation at the 44th meeting of the Allied Council for Japan on October 29, 1947. Specifically your attention is invited to the remarks pertaining to appropriate information concerning the records of death, disappearance or serious illness of Japanese prisoners of war."

"It is a matter of grave concern to the Supreme Commander in his implementation of the terms of surrender and by the terms of the Potsdam Declaration that the Japanese people be kept informed concerning matter of vital importance to them such as the pertinent data mentioned above. As you are no doubt aware there has at no time been any report whatsoever from the Soviet authorities concerning Japanese prisoners of war held in the Soviet Union or territories under the control of the Soviet Union, nor is it apparent from information available to the Supreme Commander that any effort is being made by the Soviet authorities to appraise the Supreme Commander as the sole executive authority for the Allied Powers in Japan."

"Such information would be of interest not only to the Japanese people and particularly to the families of the individuals concerned but it is believed also to member nations of the Far Eastern Commission charged with the formulation of policy pertaining to the occupation of Japan."

"It is therefore requested in conformity with the normal dictates of International Law that you approach your government with a view to obtaining all available information concerning vital statistics of Japanese prisoners of war with special reference to the names, units and/or last recorded place of capture or serious illness and such other information and data as might be of interest to the families of the individuals concerned."—United Press.

Both the French and British Governments were forced, however, to move with caution by weight of opinion in their main supporting parties, the Socialists.—United Press.

London, Apr. 25.—Britain has started, step by step, softening her attitude toward Spain, diplomatic quarters here believed today.

Official quarters were non-committal about developments pointing to eventual British acquiescence in receiving Spain back into the family of Western nations. A Foreign Office spokesman said the Government's attitude was the same as outlined earlier this month by the Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Christopher Mayhew.

However, other quarters pointed out that even Mr. Mayhew's statement represented a slight withdrawal in Britain's position that she no longer would oppose restoration of diplomatic relations with Spain.

PRESS COMMENT

London's two most influential newspapers, the Times and the Telegraph, today stressed the need for closer relations with Spain in light of the cold war. At the same time, military quarters renewed pressure for widening the Atlantic Pact to include Spain with its last-ditch defence along the Pyrenees.

Paris dispatches reported similar feeling in official quarters there, that the time had come to review and revise relations with Spain, whatever her government.

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